

CONVENTION, IF BLOCKED, ADJOURNS TO MONDAY

DELEGATES, THOUGH WEARY, HOLDING ON LIKE BULLDOGS

Hand-to-Hand Struggle at Baltimore Marks an Epoch in History of American Politics of This Generation.

ALL THOUGHTS OF COMPROMISE REJECTED IN HOPE OF SUCCESS

Democrats, Expecting to Win at Polls in November, Cling Tenaciously to Every Shred of Their Expected Assets, Unmoved by Either Hunger or Heat.

BY N. O. MESSENGER.

CONVENTION HALL, Baltimore, June 29.—When the wire opens at 9 o'clock tonight, it is quite useless to try to attempt to write a general political story. There is no general political story.

This is a hand-to-hand struggle such as has not been witnessed in American politics in our generation.

The convention has been in continuous session since 1 o'clock this afternoon. Twenty-four ballots have been taken without definite result.

Clark has been losing in dribbles and Wilson gaining the same way.

It seems a game of peanut politics, we are matching pennies and picking eggs, but it is a deadly game at that.

WORN WITH WEEK'S STRUGGLE, DELEGATES ARE IN UGLY MOOD

The great assemblage of delegates is in an ugly mood, and no wonder. Worn and weary after a solid week's struggle, pushed to the last point of endurance with fatigue and heat, they are holding on with the tenacity of bulldogs in battle.

This is shown in the response of the delegates to Senator Stone's request for unanimous consent to "drop the low man" on each roll call, until a victor is left surviving.

A thunderous chorus of objections is the answer to his appeal.

For the past two hours conferences have been proceeding continuously, but up to this time without avail.

Foresee Victory in November.

No one wants to compromise. The price is too great and its ultimate analysis too certain, to lend men's minds to thoughts of yielding.

Democrats believe they are to win in November at the polls and they are clinging tenaciously to every shred of their expected assets.

Neither heat nor hunger moves delegates or audience from the intense and stirring scene, but instead they sit as spellbound. Occasionally some one leaves a sandwich for his near neighbors. Coats and vests are discarded, thousands of fans agitate the air.

The roll calls continue monotonously and the tellers with the ringing voice of the muzzled call out the totals.

Bryan's Stunt Feature of Day.

The sensational feature of the day was Bryan's capture and control of the convention for one hour. Under the plea of explaining his vote, when he switched from Clark to Wilson, he broke all parliamentary rules by injecting debate into the midst of a roll call.

And thereupon he proceeded to run the New York delegates out of the party. Declaring he would oppose any candidate for whom New York would vote, he put the Bryan blight upon the Clark campaign. But he failed to raise a stampede to Wilson's aid.

The convention did not receive his excommunication with seriousness. Instead, they pelted him with the grill and by a spate of categorical questions sought to put him on record as to whether he would bolt if a candidate supported by New York were nominated.

Bryan skillfully side-stepped his interrogators and left himself uncommitted on the question.

Think Murphy Overlooked a Bet.

Some democrats expressed the opinion that Boss Murphy overlooked an opportunity when he did not immediately cast New York's vote for Bryan.

Another feature of the day was the iron-clad integrity of the Wilson forces. Time and again the opposition charged them, but never made a breach. "We are here to stay," was the motto of the Wilson men, and it was preserved all day and through the night until adjournment.

Likewise did the Underwood men stand firm, proof against all blandishments, and when the governor was asked to take a recess for thirty days to allow the delegates to go back to the people for fresh instructions, but the proposition was frowned down as being a confession of weakness.

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The hope went up in the air for a quarter of an hour with a great outburst for Wilson.

BRYAN EXPLAINS CHANGE OF VOTE IN CONVENTION

Makes Speech Giving His Reasons for Deserting the Clark Standard.

BALLOT CAST FOR WILSON, NEBRASKA'S NEXT CHOICE

Subjected to Numerous Interruptions From the Floor.

CHEERS AND HISSES MINGLE

Declares He Will Not Support the Missourian While New York Is Included in Clark Column.

BALTIMORE, June 29.—Under the guise of explaining a change of vote in the Nebraska delegation, William Jennings Bryan got another hearing in the democratic national convention today, and again threw the delegates and spectators into a disorderly uproar.

Bryan, who under primary instructions had been voting for Champ Clark, announced that he would not vote for him again while New York was included in the Clark column.

He changed his vote to "good, good, good," but definitely declared he would change again if "Mr. Murphy" and "the Ryan-Belmont-Morgan" crowd should vote for Wilson.

Bryan was assailed from the floor by many delegates, who demanded that his speech be stopped, and by others who demanded to know if he would support the nominee. Bryan said he "expected" to do so, but he also expected the convention to nominate a man without the support "of the interests."

Explains His Vote.

Following is a stenographic report of Mr. Bryan's explanation of his vote:

"Mr. Bryan arose from his seat and stood on a chair in the Nebraska delegation.

"Mr. Chairman," he said, "I ask permission to explain my vote."

"There were cries of 'no, no,' intermingled with 'yes, yes,' and hisses and applause.

"I cannot explain your vote on the calling of the roll. How does the gentleman vote?" answered the chair.

"An 'X' long ago," he answered, "began Mr. Bryan, but the noise created by the hisses and applause and cries of 'no, no,' stopped them."

"The gentleman out of order," announced the chair, and there were cries of "good, good, good" from the New York delegation and other parts of the hall.

"As long as New York's ninety votes (cries of 'no, no,') are recorded for Mr. Clark, I withhold my vote from him and cast it 'no.'"

But for whom he was to cast it could not be ascertained, at one, for his voice was drowned in the confusion and noise.

Senator Stone Asks Fair Play.

Senator Stone of Missouri at last got recognition from the chair, while former Gov. Francis of that state hurried to Mr. Bryan, and reassured him that they were endeavoring in every way possible to quiet the delegates.

The speaker is very indignant and every lady and gentleman in the hall, to hear the distinguished delegate, called out Senator Stone. "Hear this delegate from Nebraska, and I ask unanimous consent that he be allowed to speak."

The chair stated that the gentleman from Nebraska had unanimous consent and declared the motion carried.

Mr. Bryan then proceeded to the platform and now ready to cast his vote, he could make himself heard he said:

"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the convention, I am explaining my vote only because my advice was followed in my own delegation. (Applause and hisses.) I advised that those of us who are not ready to cast our vote for Wilson, but who are ready to cast it for Clark, should do so."

The speaker was interrupted by tumultuous applause.

"I have asked the privilege of making an explanation because I am not alone in the convention. I do not represent a one-man opinion. Many of these delegates look at this question as I do, and when I speak for myself, I speak for some others in this hall and I am sure for a still larger number outside of this hall. I recognize, therefore, the responsibility that rests upon me when I do what I am now doing, and I give the explanation that I now propose to give."

Anticipates the Necessity.

"I expected that this necessity would arise some time during the day, but I did not expect to arise so early an hour, and in anticipation I wrote out what I desire to submit."

"It would only take me a moment to read it, and I prefer that there shall be no mistake in the transcribing and reporting of it."

A delegate: "Mr. Bryan—"

"Nebraska is a progressive state. Only twice has she given her vote for a democratic candidate for president, in 1880 and in 1888, and on both occasions her vote was cast for a progressive ticket running upon a progressive platform. Between these two elections, in the election of 1894, she gave a republican plurality of 85,000 against a democratic reactionary."

In the recent primary the total vote cast for Clark and Wilson was over 34,000, and the vote cast for Harmon was over 12,000, showing that the party is now more than three-fourths democratic.

It was no surprise therefore when for



BRYAN DENOUNCED BY CHAMP CLARK

Speaker, After Rush Trip to Baltimore, Arraigns Colonel in Statement.

RESENTS THE ASPERSIONS CAST ON HIS INTEGRITY

Declares Commoner "Must Offer Proof or Retract."

BALTIMORE, Md., June 29.—Speaker Clark came to Baltimore tonight in response to the urgent request of former Senator Fred T. Dubois, his campaign manager, and George Fred Williams of Massachusetts, who represented that the Missouri delegation had suffered from the reason of an "attack upon his honor" made by William Jennings Bryan. The convention, apparently hopelessly deadlocked, had adjourned until Monday because of the Speaker's arrival.

Statement Denouncing Bryan.

After his conference with Mr. Hearst, Senator Stone, David R. Francis and others, Speaker Clark issued the following statement:

"Today in the national convention an outrageous aspersion was cast upon me, and, through me, upon the democratic party, by one of all men ought to be the last to besmudge or betray his friends or his party. So far as I am personally concerned it is enough to say that the charge which reflects upon my personal or party integrity is utterly and absolutely false. I might afford to forget myself, but I am, by the choice of my country, now ready to cast my vote absolutely false. I might afford to forget myself, but I am, by the choice of my country, now ready to cast my vote absolutely false. I might afford to forget myself, but I am, by the choice of my country, now ready to cast my vote absolutely false."

All Bitter Against Bryan.

There is a great deal of bitterness against Mr. Bryan among the Clark adherents. They feel that the Nebraska had no right to attempt to place a Morgan-Belmont-Ryan brand on the Speaker just because the New York delegation gave its support to him. They have attacked an adjournment over Sunday should be taken. Mr. Clark's train left Washington at 10:15 and the adjournment was taken within fifteen minutes of the time the news reached the convention floor.

Given Chance to Get Together.

The adjournment over Sunday gives to the Clark forces opportunity to adjust differences. These are not thought to be serious, and it is believed that Mr. Clark will be able to heal them. It could not be learned tonight whether Mr. Clark would attempt to see Mr. Bryan.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

Conduit and Cable Company Workers Get Advance in Wages.

HASTINGS-UPON-HUDSON, June 29.—The strike which had been in progress at the National Conduit and Cable Company works for the past two weeks was today declared off. Monday 1,300 strikers will return to work. The company has agreed to give an advance of 5 cents in wages, although the men had demanded a 25-cent increase. The company has also agreed to recognize the American Federation of Labor.

Ignored Associates' Advice.

Mr. Williams and former Senator Dubois were said to have ignored the advice of their associates and to have told Mr. Clark that his only chance of redress lay in an immediate confrontation of Mr. Bryan and the convention. They urged him to take the first train, believing that it would get him here before the adjournment of the session. The chances are that Mr. Clark would have reached the convention hall in time to

Table of Vote on Each Ballot.

BALLOT.	Clark	Wilson	Underwood	Harrison	Belmont	Marshall	Bryan	Stuler	Kern	James	Gaynor	Foss	Not voting
1st.....	440 1/2	324	117 1/2	148	22	31	1	2					3
2nd.....	440 1/2	339 1/2	111 1/2	141	14	31	2	2					3
3rd.....	441	345	114 1/2	140 1/2	14	31			1				
4th.....	443	349 1/2	112	136 1/2	14	31			2				
5th.....	443	351	119 1/2	141 1/2		31			2				
6th.....	445	354	121	135		31	1		1				
7th.....	446 1/2	353 1/2	123 1/2	129 1/2		31	1		1				
8th.....	448 1/2	351 1/2	123	130		31	1		1	1	1		
9th.....	452	352 1/2	122 1/2	127		31	1		1		1		
10th.....	456	350 1/2	117 1/2	31		31	1		1				
11th.....	454	354 1/2	118 1/2	29		30	1		1				
12th.....	549	354	123	29		30	1		1				
13th.....	554 1/2	356	116 1/2	29		30	2		2			2	
14th.....	553	361	111	29		30	2		2				
15th.....	552	362 1/2	110 1/2	29		30	2		2				
16th.....	551	362 1/2	112 1/2	29		30	1		2				
17th.....	545	362 1/2	112 1/2	29		30	1		4 1/2				
18th.....	535	361	125	29		30	1		3 1/2				3 1/2
19th.....	532	358	130	29		30	7		1			1	
20th.....	512	358 1/2	121 1/2	29		30	1		1	3		2	
21st.....	508	365 1/2	118 1/2	29		30	1		1		5	5	
22nd.....	500 1/2	366 1/2	115			30	1		1		1	4 1/2	
23rd.....	497 1/2	369	114 1/2			30	1				1	4 1/2	
24th.....	496	402 1/2	115 1/2			30	1					4 1/2	
25th.....	489	405	106	29		30	1			3		4 1/2	
26th.....	463 1/2	407 1/2	112 1/2	29		30	1					4 1/2	

NO NOMINATION IS REACHED AFTER TWENTY-SIX BALLOTS

Gov. Wilson Gains Steadily on Later Votes, With Speaker Champ Clark Constantly Losing Ground in Race.

MANY IMPORTANT CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD IN THE INTERIM

Massachusetts Delegation Starts Boom for Foss.

Opinion Is Generally Expressed That Fight May Be Prolonged for Several Days This Week.

BALTIMORE, June 29.—With Gov. Woodrow Wilson gaining on each ballot, and Speaker Champ Clark constantly losing ground in the race for the presidential nomination, the democratic national convention at 11:05 o'clock tonight adjourned until Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Twenty-six ballots had been taken since the first call of the states, and there was no hope of a final verdict tonight. It is against all political precedent for a national convention to sit on Sunday, but tomorrow will be a day of important conferences among the party leaders and a day of hard work for the campaign managers.

SPEAKER CLARK HAD PLANNED TO ANSWER ATTACK OF BRYAN

When the convention adjourned tonight Speaker Clark was hurrying to Baltimore from Washington, in response to an urgent call from his campaign director, William Jennings Bryan, at the afternoon session, had attacked Clark and had said he would vote for no man willing to accept nomination at the hands of "Murphy of Tammany Hall." It was the plan of Mr. Clark to appear before the convention and make an answer in this way his managers hoped to bolster the falling vote.

The ballots today ran from the thirtieth to the twenty-sixth. Wilson began at 356 and ended at 407 1/2, a net gain during the day of 51 votes. Speaker Clark began at 554 and fell to 463 1/2, a loss of 90 1/2 votes. The anti-Clark leaders in the convention called attention to the fact that this almost exactly offset the 90 votes given to Clark by the New York delegation.

Breaks to Gov. Wilson.

Breaks to Gov. Wilson were coming from many different delegations as the balloting closed. His managers believed that once he had overtaken Speaker Clark the switching of delegates would become general. The Clark forces plan to make a desperate effort to win back some of the delegates lost today and in this work they probably will have the personal direction of the Speaker himself. The Wilson forces meantime expect to fight, not only to hold their gains of today, but to induce more to desert the other candidates.

Senator Stone to Eliminate the Candidate.

Senator Stone of Missouri tonight made a motion to eliminate the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot after the twenty-seventh ballot. If this motion was carried, it would mean that the Wilson forces would be left in the race. There was a storm of objection and the subject was pressed no further.

The Harmon delegates from Ohio threw their support to Speaker Clark on several ballots, but did not materially help him toward the necessary two-thirds vote, because of the gradual inroads made by Wilson. They then changed back to Harmon, and remained there until the last ballot of the evening.

Start Boom for Foss.

The great bulk of the Massachusetts delegation deserted Clark tonight and started the Foss boom. It created little excitement.

Having failed to nominate with the week end, it is not anticipated that the delegates will hurry to a decision Monday, and the fight may be prolonged for several days. The Clark people are still confident that enough of their delegates will remain steadfast to constitute the necessary one-third to prevent a nomination. Many of the delegates were hopeful that an early decision might be reached, but the two leading candidates were tonight so far short of the votes necessary to nominate that the problem ahead seemed a most difficult one.

Details of Long Session.

The outburst on the part of Mr. Bryan came during the fourteenth ballot. When Nebraska was reached Mr. Bryan demanded a poll of the delegation.

He was the first name called, and he asked to be allowed to explain his vote. At once there was an uproar, but when he had been granted permission by Representative Stuler, who was presiding, Mr. Bryan made his way to the platform. Through the uproar he shouted:

"As long as New York's vote is recorded for Mr. Clark I withhold my vote for him and cast it 'no.'"

He got no further. Again the racket swept the hall.

"I have asked the privilege of making an explanation because I am not alone in this convention. When I speak I speak for many in this hall and for a great many more outside this hall," Bryan continued.

"I am explaining my vote only because my advice was not followed in my own delegation. I advised that those who are instructed to vote for Clark should do so until conditions arose which justified in doing otherwise. Not all this delegation agreed with me. If a poll was demanded I am now ready to cast my vote and give my reasons."

Here Mr. Bryan read a prepared statement explaining his vote.

"Having explained our position," said Bryan, "I now announce my vote for—"

Another rush from the door interrupted him here, and former Gov. McCorkle of West Virginia secured the floor to ask Bryan a question.

"Does the gentleman mean that he will not support the nominee of this convention if he is nominated by the present votes of the New York delegation?" Bryan asserted his willingness to reply.

"This is," said Mr. Bryan, "a democratic convention, and we have a right to ask questions of each other and be frank."

"My democracy has been certified to by 6,300,000 democrats, and I ask the secretary to enter a dissenting vote if he will give me his name. And I will put it beside the name of Belmont and others who were not democrats when I was a democrat."

Bryan then returned to the question asked by ex-Gov. McCorkle of West Virginia.

"Nothing that I have said here this morning would give any grounds for the conclusion. That I would not lend my aid to nominate a man does not mean that I would not support him after he had been nominated over my opposition."

Just as a lawyer who defends a criminal after a crime has been committed and a lawyer who conspires with a criminal before the crime is committed, said Gov. Brewer of Mississippi demanded.

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